

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): The machine of claim 4 10 further including a conveyor mounted to said chassis for transmitting fruit from said receptacle to a storage bin connected to said chassis.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The machine of claim 10 in which each arm is telescopically extendible and retractable.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The machine of claim 4 10 in which said carrier includes a bucket.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The machine of claim 4 10 further making at least one chute attached to said chassis and communicating with said receptacle for introducing produce collected from proximate ground level into said receptacle.

Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): The machine of claim 4 10 in which said conduit includes a flexible pipe.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The machine of claim 4 10 in which said conduit carries a funnel at said upper end thereof for facilitating introduction of collected produce into said conduit.

Claim 10 (new): A machine for harvesting produce from a pair of adjacent, generally parallel rows of produce-bearing trees, said machine comprising:

a land vehicle that includes a chassis for being driven between the adjacent rows of trees, said chassis supporting a produce collection receptacle;

a first pair of independently operable, selectively extendible and retractable upper level lift arms pivotally mounted to said chassis on respective opposite sides thereof such that each upper level lift arm is positioned to correspond with a respective one of the adjacent rows of trees; and

a second pair of independently operable, selectively extendible and retractable intermediate level lift arms pivotally mounted to said chassis on respective opposite sides thereof such that each intermediate level lift arm is positioned to correspond with a respective one of the adjacent rows of trees;

each said arm in each said pair supporting proximate a distal end thereof a carrier for holding a person, and said arm being adjustable to position said carrier such that a person in the carrier is able to manually collect fruit from one of the rows of trees, said upper level lift arms for positioning their associated carriers and persons therein so that such persons are able to collect fruit from the upper levels of the adjacent rows of trees and said intermediate level lift arms for positioning their associated carriers and persons therein so that such persons are able to collect fruit from intermediate levels of the adjacent rows of trees, which intermediate levels are below the upper levels;

a plurality of conduits, each conduit attached proximate to an upper end thereof to a respective one of said carriers such that an entrance of said conduit is accessible to a person in said respective carrier and each conduit further being attached proximate a lower end thereof to said receptacle, each conduit for transmitting fruit deposited into said entrance through said conduit in the absence of a flow of water and discharging said transmitted fruit into said receptacle.

Claim 11 (new): The machine of claim 6 in which said chute is accessible by a person standing on the ground such that such person is able to collect produce from ground levels of the adjacent rows of trees, which ground levels are below the intermediate levels.

Claim 12 (new): A machine for harvesting produce from a pair of adjacent, generally parallel rows of produce-bearing trees, said machine comprising:

- a land vehicle that includes a chassis for being driven between the adjacent rows of trees, said chassis supporting a produce collection receptacle;

- a first pair of independently operable, selectively extendible and retractable upper level lift arms pivotally mounted to said chassis on respective opposite sides thereof such that each upper level lift arm is positioned to correspond with a respective one of the adjacent rows of trees;

- a second pair of independently operable, selectively extendible and retractable intermediate level lift arms pivotally mounted to said chassis on respective opposite sides thereof such that each intermediate level lift arm is positioned to correspond with a respective one of the adjacent rows of trees;

- each said arm in each said pair supporting proximate a distal end thereof a carrier for holding a person, and said arm being adjustable to position said carrier such that a person in the carrier is able to manually collect fruit from one of the rows of trees, said upper level lift arms for positioning their associated carriers and persons therein so that such persons are able to collect fruit from the upper levels of the adjacent rows of trees and said intermediate level lift arms for positioning their associated carriers and persons therein so that such persons are able to collect fruit from intermediate levels of the adjacent rows of trees, which intermediate levels are below the upper levels;

a plurality of conduits, each conduit attached proximate to an upper end thereof to a respective one of said carriers such that an entrance of said conduit is accessible to a person in said respective carrier and each conduit further being attached proximate a lower end thereof to said receptacle, each conduit for transmitting fruit deposited into said entrance through said conduit in the absence of a flow of water and discharging said transmitted fruit into said receptacle; and

a conveyor mounted below said lower ends of said conduits such that fruit transmitted through said conduits is dropped directly on said conveyor without being transmitted through an intermediate supply of water, which conveyor transmits such fruit from said receptacle to a storage bin connected to said chassis.

Claim 13 (new): The machine of claim 10 in which the fruit is transmitted through the conduit by at least one of gravity feed and vacuum assist exclusively.